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To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: BOATANCHORS digest 3954
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BOATANCHORS Digest 3954

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- 14) Re: Anyone remember the WRL QSL cards?
by Garey Barrell <k4oah@mindspring.com>
- 15) Re: Anyone remember the WRL QSL cards?
by W0E0M@aol.com
- 16) Re: Labor Day
by "David Thompson" <thompson@mindspring.com>
- 17) WRL and Walter Ashe Cards
by "B. Smith" <smithab11@comcast.net>
- 18) Re: WRL and Walter Ashe Cards

by Garey Barrell <k4oah@mindspring.com>
19) Re: Anyone remember the WRL QSL cards?
by ail0@att.net
20) 1950s Minifon "Spy Wire" for Trade
by "David Stinson" <arc5@ix.netcom.com>

Date: Tue, 5 Sep 2006 09:51:10 -0400 (EDT)
From: stuck in 50s <polepeeg@aaa4rm.ba-watch.org>
Message-Id: <200609051351.k85DpAja008152@fracas.netboobie.org>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Cc: tedxy@bellsouth.net
Subject: Re: Labor Day

> how come predators are legal

Home Depot's R Nardelli just laid off 400 fone support people to
send work offshore.

His \$17m bonus last year was enuf to pay 800 of those US fone support people

Lot of paradoxes to swell the chests of all who are "prow to be Merican"

Marty

Message-ID: <001901c6d0f9\$a9bbd050\$fde47443@KB6NAX>
From: "Arden Allen" <gumbear@pacbell.net>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Cc: <tedxy@bellsouth.net>
Subject: Re: Labor Day - the political upshot
Date: Tue, 5 Sep 2006 07:42:55 -0700
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="Windows-1252"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

And we in insular America can't seem to understand why predatory capitalism
is viewed with suspicion in much of the world? Every time a big one comes
down a new crop of predators is spawned. Check your real income lately? So
much for the OT subject. The view from the left.....

Arden Allen
KB6NAX

To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Date: Tue, 5 Sep 2006 13:24:15 -0400

Subject: A Dictionary of Tools and their Uses
Message-ID: <20060905.132415.3440.1.k4pf@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
From: Edward Knobloch <k4pf@juno.com>

Hi, Gang

This is pretty funny:
<http://www.team-moon.com/toolTime/tools.html>

73,
Ed Knobloch

Message-ID: <44FDCA2B.4777E639@lucent.com>
Date: Tue, 05 Sep 2006 14:04:11 -0500
From: John McCarty <jmccarty@lucent.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Ceramic wafer switch repair on a TBX-2
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Groups;

I have a TBX-2 I've started working on, and noticed that the fine inductance rotary switch, which is a ceramic wafer with eight contacts, is broken in three pieces.

First question, anybody got a spare ??

Second question, failing finding a replacement, is it possible to fix this thing. One of the three pieces is still on the long bolts that mount this switch to the next one. The other big piece is loose hanging on it's stiff wires and looks like it can be glued back into place. But, the third little piece, which only has two contacts seems to be missing material on both ends where the holes would have been to mount the wafer. If I glue the two bigger pieces back together, is there some kind of "filler" that would allow me to glue the third piece back in place, or, is it possible to "sister" a piece of hard plastic to the piece of ceramic with some glue and then use the new piece hold the switch together?

73 + tnx

John n9hrt

From: "Rodger" <WQ9E@dtnspeed.net>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: RE: Ceramic wafer switch repair on a TBX-2
Date: Tue, 5 Sep 2006 14:25:19 -0500
Message-ID: <000101c6d121\$06b4dc80\$da01640a@D1JXNQ31>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="us-ascii"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable

Hi John,

I have been successful using a thick epoxy to repair broken switches but =
you
have to be really careful not to get the glue in a place where it can
interfere with the rotary part of the switch. I don't have a TBX-2 but =
I do
have a few spare switch wafers. If you don't find a replacement and the
repair doesn't work out, if you can give me the measurements: spacing
between bolts, layout (i.e. one wiper with 7 switched positions), and
degrees of rotation between positions I might have a wafer that would =
work.
Is this a multi-pole switch? If not you can probably easily find a
replacement that has the same number of degrees between positions so =
that
the front panel markings will remain the same.

I had to rebuild the mode switch in my Johnson Desk KW when I got it. =
One
of the wafers was questionable and the detent selector allowed the =
switch to
easily stop between positions. Since this switch controls a relay to =
choose
high voltage level and also chooses which screen voltage to apply it =
didn't
seem like a good idea to have problems in that area! The rebuild was
surprisingly straightforward.

73, Rodger WQ9E

> -----Original Message-----

> From: owner-boatanchors@theporch.com [mailto:owner-

> boatanchors@theporch.com] On Behalf Of John McCarty

> Sent: Tuesday, September 05, 2006 2:04 PM

> To: Old Tube Radios

> Subject: Ceramic wafer switch repair on a TBX-2

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> John n9hrt

Message-ID: <001f01c6d120\$feecfaa0\$9fe47443@KB6NAX>
From: "Arden Allen" <gumbear@pacbell.net>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Re: Ceramic wafer switch repair on a TBX-2
Date: Tue, 5 Sep 2006 12:25:00 -0700
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

> Second question,

Yes, to all of your questions about repairing the switch. Use a clear (no lossy fillers), slow curing (no 5 minute crap) epoxy to glue the pieces back together.

There is another approach. Canibalize another switch for a good wafer and rebuild the broken switch. Drill out the contact mounting rivets with a drill bit hand vise to avoid mangling a contact. Tiny rivets can be purchased but swaging them is hazardous with ceramic wafers. Better to use tiny brass nuts and bolts. As a last resort use snug fitting bus wire to attach the contacts. Use a small tip solder iron with small diameter solder to avoid flooding the contact.

From: "WA3GIN in Alex. City, VA" <wa3gin@erols.com>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: RE: Ceramic wafer switch repair on a TBX-2
Date: Tue, 5 Sep 2006 17:37:33 -0400
Message-ID: <001701c6d133\$82cfedc0\$6301a8c0@TS480WA3GIN>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="us-ascii"
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You got me thinking John,

I have a question for the group. I recently acquired a DX-100B. Clean working good. The transmitter appears to have had caps replaced as well as one noticeable mod.

There are four potentiometers mounted on the front panel under the Heath Logo. I traced a few wires this afternoon. One terminates on PIN 2 of the 12BY7 located by the crystal socket and another wire terminates at the orange wire of the CW/Phone switch, the remaining wires go to ground or the power supply. Does anyone out there remember this mod?

73,
dave
wa3gin

Message-Id: <6.2.3.4.0.20060905202318.041ca618@postoffice.worldnet.att.net>
Date: Tue, 05 Sep 2006 20:35:38 -0400
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
From: John Dilks K2TQN <oldradio@worldnet.att.net>
Subject: Anyone remember the WRL QSL cards?
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

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Anything you remember will be appreciated.

My 1956 card is here:

<http://www.eht.com/oldradio/kn2tqn.jpg>

73, John Dilks, K2TQN

Message-ID: <049101c6d14e\$017cacc0\$3201a8c0@w8ut>
From: "Al Parker" <anchor@ec.rr.com>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Re: Anyone remember the WRL QSL cards?
Date: Tue, 5 Sep 2006 20:47:18 -0400

MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi John,

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73,

Al, W8UT

(Last week I had the 50th anniversary of being licensed, 8/27/56, as WN1NFT)

----- Original Message -----

From: "John Dilks K2TQN" <oldradio@worldnet.att.net>
To: "Old Tube Radios" <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 05, 2006 8:35 PM
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Message-ID: <5859086.1157503938552.JavaMail.root@mswamui-chipeau.atl.sa.earthlink.net>
Date: Tue, 5 Sep 2006 20:52:18 -0400 (EDT)
From: Richard Dillman <ddillman@igc.org>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>

Subject: Re: Anyone remember the WRL QSL cards?
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

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VY 73,

RD
WPE2VT

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Richard Dillman, W6AWO
Maritime Radio Historical Society
<http://www.radiomarine.org>
Collector of Harleys, Willys and
Radios over 100lbs.
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From: Richard Dillman <ddillman@igc.org>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
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Message-ID: <00a101c6d150\$05752530\$c502a8c0@bernard>
From: "Greg Roecker" <n4osj@bellsouth.net>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Re: Anyone remember the WRL QSL cards?
Date: Tue, 5 Sep 2006 21:01:44 -0400
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 format=flowed;
 charset="iso-8859-1";
 reply-type=original
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

How many remember the "Radio Zone Map" from Ladd Electronics in Omaha, Nebraska? I have one hanging on the wall of my shack.

I was in Omaha in April and Frank had sold the store. All was gone and the

property was up for sale. When I was a kid, I remember going from Ladds in Omaha to WRL across the river in Council Bluffs, IA. I was in Radio Disneyland.

73,

Greg/n4osj

----- Original Message -----

From: "Al Parker" <anchor@ec.rr.com>
To: "Old Tube Radios" <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 05, 2006 8:47 PM
Subject: Re: Anyone remember the WRL QSL cards?

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Message-Id: <6.2.3.4.0.20060905204846.041fedb8@ipostoffice.worldnet.att.net>
Date: Tue, 05 Sep 2006 20:50:25 -0400
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
From: John Dilks K2TQN <oldradio@worldnet.att.net>
Subject: Re: Anyone remember the WRL QSL cards?
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

Hi Al,

Congratulations on "50" years. My 50 was July 5, 2006, first
licensed July 5, 1956.

73, John

At 08:47 PM 9/5/2006, Al Parker wrote:

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Message-ID: <44FE313B.50507@mindspring.com>
Date: Tue, 05 Sep 2006 22:23:55 -0400
From: Garey Barrell <k4oah@mindspring.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Re: Anyone remember the WRL QSL cards?
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1; format=flowed
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

John -

I seem to recall that is exactly what was done. Often even before your
new Novice ticket came in the mail, you would get several offers via
mail for QSL cards, with your "new" as yet unknown callsign as part of

the address. There was no free map, just an offer for I think 100 cards for about \$2.50 or so. See:

<http://k9sth.com/uploads/WRL_QSL.JPG>

GE and Pontiac offered free QSL's that you could overprint with your information, although most of us just block printed the info in by hand, saving our little bit of cash for a new 6L6 for the QSL-40 transmitter.

73, Garey - K40AH
Formerly KN40AH (1957)
Atlanta

Drake 2-B, 4-B & C-Line Service CDs
<www.k4oah.com>

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From: W0E0M@aol.com
Message-ID: <592.3bcfb42.322f8d85@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 5 Sep 2006 22:33:41 EDT
Subject: Re: Anyone remember the WRL QSL cards?
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: multipart/alternative;

boundary="-----1157510021"

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Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Greg - i can't remember the map but did know Frank Ladd well. i lived in
Nebr 1970 till 1982, and became a CB radio/2-way dealer. Got lots of my E. F.
Johnson products from Ladd Electronics.
I think he did very well in the stock market.

i also visited WRL and sat next to Leo at Art Trauffer's radio estate
auction in Omaha.
I am now on my 56 th year as a ham.

Will

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* ---REMAINDER OF MESSAGE TRUNCATED--- *
* This post contains a forbidden message format *
* (such as an attached file, a v-card, HTML formatting) *
* Mail Lists at theporch.com only accept PLAIN TEXT *
* If your postings display this message your mail program *
* is not set to send PLAIN TEXT ONLY and needs adjusting *
* * * * *

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Message-ID: <019401c6d15f\$c8dbe3b0\$a7619a04@yourxb2x7j77gn>
From: "David Thompson" <thompson@mindspring.com>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Cc: "Old Tube Radios" <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Re: Labor Day
Date: Tue, 5 Sep 2006 22:15:56 -0400
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Speaking of Carterphones, I have two Silent 700's with phone hook up at a
wizzing 300 baud. Geez now where did I put the paper for the 700's built in
printer?

Wonder if I can connect to the internet?

Nah, I'll use my spiffy Compaq Model 1 with 16KB of memory and a 5 MB HD.
Lets see DOS 3.0 too!

Dave K4JRB

Message-ID: <000a01c6d1b9\$542c1d50\$731bc847@HAL1000>
From: "B. Smith" <smithab11@comcast.net>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Cc: "boatanchors List" <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: WRL and Walter Ashe Cards
Date: Wed, 6 Sep 2006 09:35:30 -0400
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 format=flowed;
 charset="iso-8859-1";
 reply-type=response
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

John and the Gang.

For some reason the WRL invasion did not occur in Kentucky where I was
first licensed. But Walter Ashe cards were very popular.

My novice card can be seen at:

<http://solo11.abac.com/zorroab1/QSL%20Cards/QSLpg1.htm>

73 Breck K4CHE

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Message-ID: <44FED5F2.3050602@mindspring.com>
Date: Wed, 06 Sep 2006 10:06:42 -0400
From: Garey Barrell <k4oah@mindspring.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
CC: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>

Subject: Re: WRL and Walter Ashe Cards
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To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>

Breck -

Where were you in Kentucky??

You were licensed a bit ahead of me, (1955?,) I got KN40AH in March 1957 in Louisville. Granted there were a lot of the Walter Ashe cards among my local peers, but there were at least as many WRL cards too, including my first one.

73, Garey - K40AH
Atlanta

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From: ail0@att.net
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>

Subject: Re: Anyone remember the WRL QSL cards?

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I was licensed in Dec '47 as W2WTJ- no one sent me free cards or solicitations for a card. I bought mine from "W9BHV Press", whoever that is. I still have a 2" thick stack of cards from my 47-48 contacts.

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From: "David Stinson" <arc5@ix.netcom.com>

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Subject: 1950s Minifon "Spy Wire" for Trade

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I have a miniturized, vacuum tube wire recorder
from the early 1950s, specifically designed for "wearing a wire."

Web references:

<http://www.pimall.com/nais/pivintage/minifonbody.html>

<http://www.pimall.com/nais/pivintage/watchmic.html>

Quote:

"An even "minier" version of the Minifon called the P-55. A Special Kit marketed To Espionage, Intelligence, Spy Organizations and Private-Eyes (If You Could Afford One!) With The Watch Microphone. Note That This New Updated Minifon Recorder Was Even Smaller And Designed For Covert Use. "

Current photos at:

<http://home.mindspring.com/~arc5@ix.netcom.com/minifon/>

Some minor battery corrosion- looks easily corrected.

Otherwise in decent shape, with a full spool of wire.

No idea if there's anything on the wire.

Looking to trade for some specific items:

(Note: Not interested in items that are missing their nomenclature tags
or with tags that have been defaced.)

TBY: solid canvas, complete antenna, 115 VAC supply

Australian AT-5/AR-8 set: Dynamotor supply, shock mounts, junction box.

Any German sets in reasonable condition.

Japanese sets or accessories for them in reasonable condition,

especially for the 94-5 set.

SCR-288: solid canvas, original antenna assembly,
original key complete with cord, plug and wooden base.

SCR-274N: accessories marked *BOTH* "Aircraft Radio Corporation"
and "U.S. ARMY SIGNAL CORPS,"
which I don't already have.

ATA/ARA: Modulator, Aircraft Radio Corp contract Nos-74912 *only.*
Any units with black tags (12-volt versions)
or other unusual items.

RAT or RAV: Anything.

SCR-274N BC-942 VHF receiver- looks like R-28 but is Army.

Aircraft mount for the BC-721.

GF/RU: Pre-1935 sets and accessories,
Transmitter control box and Dynamotor, GREEN tag only.

Interesting and/or uncommon WWII or Pre-WWII military radio items
considered;

I have most everything commonly encountered
and don't need multiples of common equipment.

No interest in any post-WWII equipment of any kind.

Will go to E-place if no response.

Thanks.

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